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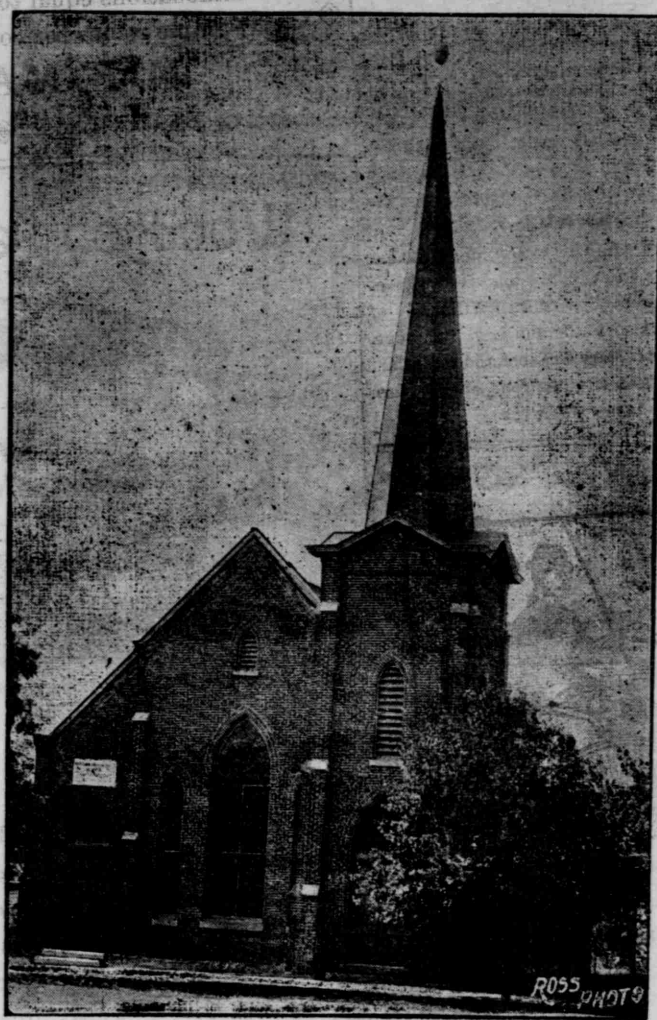
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### TIME TO ACT.

When assassination, if not the legally recognized, is at least the commonly accepted and unpunished method of redress in Breathitt county, and murder runs riot in Louisville, it is no time that politics should have place and influence in the thought or speech of any man who feels that all that makes for the welfare of his State is outraged by such conditions. The assassination of Marcum was not the irresponsible deed of one man, acting in passion without regard to right or consequence. It was but the natural outcome and outward evidence of public feeling in which the right to kill is dependent solely upon the power. It might be said with truth that the State, in which every attempt to measure out justice to the assassin of its Governor, has been met by opposition, -harmless in its partisanship, callous in its indifference to disgrace, and bent solely on shielding the wrongdoers because of their political way of thinking, has brought its shame upon itself.

If it were just that Goebel should be killed with impunity, it seems a little matter that the death of Marcum and of the thirty-seven other citizens of Breathitt who have been assassinated in that country within the past year should occasion surprise or call for remedy. But, at last, the people of Kentucky have awakened to a realization of the low estate into which some of them, at least, have fallen, and, without regard to politics, every newspaper in the State has declared that the end of these things must come and come speedily. One thing is sure, no aid is to be looked for from the men to whom the administration of the law in Breathitt has been intrusted. At the best, the largest reward which the Governor is empowered to offer is but a poor sum in consideration of the purpose for which it is meant, and yet Judge Hargis was content to name but half the amount, as being fully adequate compensation for the men or man directly responsible for making possible the punishment of the assassin. Was his estimate of \$250, as sufficient reward, evidence of desire to save the State or the murderer? The Sheriff who sees murder done and yet declines to walk across the street for fear that his own safety may be endangered, is at best a self-confessed coward, though there are men inclined to put a less charitable construction on his act.

Gov. Beckham's hands are tied. Beyond his offer of a reward it is impossible for him to move at present. The condition is one that cannot be faced with resignation. Kentucky owes it to herself, to her citizens and to her present standing and future welfare as a State to set on foot an organized and determined movement to end the known cause of her dishon-

or. The time has come to stand together. If the officers of the State in Breathitt, Louisville, the Bluegrass, the Purchase or the Penyrille will not do their duty, they should be replaced by men who will. Murder, open or from ambush, will not pause while the murderer knows that those who keep the law themselves will not, through fear or indifference, demand that they break it must in every instance pay its full and just penalty.—Louisville Times.

### AN EXTRA SESSION.

It seems to be settled that Congress will be called in extraordinary session immediately after the fall election this year—about the 9th of November. It would be interesting to know the exact extent to which President Roosevelt consulted the leaders and managers of his party before he took this step. The object of the extra session is understood to be to do that which Congress had plenty of time to do at the last session, and failed. The sincerity with which the subject was treated leaves a doubt if anything will be accomplished even under the spur of being called together to do justice to the people of the new republic, for which we have assumed heavy responsibilities.

Whatever becomes of Cuban reciprocity, though, the extra session adds a month to the time during which the majority in Congress must be pestered with the tariff question in the face of a Presidential election. The natural policy of the Republican party would be to make the session of Congress as brief as possible. The tariff question will have to be carried past the Presidential election. The smartest politicians in the Republican party feel that revision would be fatal next year. They know the danger of the present policy, but feel that there would be less of the element of disaster in postponement than in present action.

If Mr. Roosevelt wants to be nominated and elected to the Presidency he will have to be in line with the commanding politicians of his party. Is it his best plan to precipitate the tariff question, and provide for a long session in which to maintain the agitation? The Republicans are bound to suffer from discussion. The latter they put it off, and the more abruptly they close it, the better for them. Mr. Roosevelt may be easily sorry before he gets through with this proposition to "have Congress on his hands." And he may embarrass his hopes of four more years in the White House. It is his affair though. The country would be much entertained with the spectacle of Mr. Roosevelt trying to make Congress behave itself, in spite of the scheming and domineering of the tariff barons.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is said that Senator Foraker wants the Ohio Republican State Convention, which will meet next month, to re-nominate President Roosevelt for another term. It is further said that Senator Hanna, who will doubtless control the convention, does not take kindly to the proposition. Although Senator Hanna has repeatedly denied that he has presidential aspirations, there is a lurking suspicion that way down in the bottom of his heart he has a hope that he may yet be regarded as suitable timber for the presidency. The unusual activity which Senator Hanna has recently shown in all matters pertaining to the interests of the laboring classes would warrant the belief that he had some such aspiration. Of course if the Ohio Republicans should take the initiative in presenting President Roosevelt for re-nomination, it would destroy all chances for Senator Hanna in this direction.

### WEATHER AND CROPS.

The crop report of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture says that the month of April this year will long be remembered as most unfavorable for crops and farm work. The weather has been mostly cool, with an excess of moisture. This corresponds entirely with accounts from other sources. As a consequence, all farm work is behind from two to four weeks.

The weather reports may appear on a superficial view not to sustain what is said as to moisture and cold. For the whole month of April the temperature was only eleven degrees below the normal, or about one-third of a degree a day. The excess of precipitation was but .36 of an inch, or a trifle over one-hundredth of an inch per day. For the first nine days of May the deficiency of temperature was forty-two degrees, or more than four and a half degrees a day, but there was also a deficiency of precipitation of 1.10, or about .12 of an inch per day. Combining the two, we find that since April 1 there has been a deficiency of heat of but little over one degree and a quarter per day, while the rainfall has been .74 of an inch below the normal. This difference is not serious on its face as to the temperature, while as to precipitation it is on the other side from that named in the complaint.

Nevertheless, this complaint is well founded. We have in these figures another illustration of the limitations of statistics. The spring has not been phenomenally wet nor phenomenally cold—on an average. But the cold and the moisture have been so distributed as to cause serious interruption to farm work. Of this there can be no doubt, and so for practical purposes the agricultural report is in accord with the facts.—Courier Journal.

### THE BOY FOR HIM.

A gentleman advertised for a boy and nearly fifty came to see him. Out of the whole number he chose one and dismissed the rest. "I should like to know," said a friend, "why you picked out that boy, who had not a single recommendation." "You are mistaken," said the gentleman, "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful. He gave his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was thoughtful and kind. He took off his cap and answered my questions promptly, showing that he was gentlemanly. He picked up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor and replaced it on the table; and he waited quietly for his turn instead of crowding and pushing, showing that he was honorable and orderly. When I talked to him, I noticed that his clothes were brushed and his hair in order; when he wrote his name, I noticed that his finger nails were clean. Don't you call that recommendations? I do, and would give more money for what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes than for all the letters he can bring."—Selected.

True to a promise made to his dying wife that when she died he would follow her, G. N. Benedict, a Court stenographer of Chicago, shot himself through the brain, dying instantly. Just before Mrs. Benedict died her husband told her that he would soon follow her. The couple were very devoted to each other.

Former Mayor Garwin, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was found dead at his home there with the top of his head shot off.

### STATE NEWS

George Knox, of Ball County, aged 35 years, committed suicide by hanging.

Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Henry county, was bitten by a mad dog. She went at once to Chicago for the Pastuer Treatment.

Curtis Jett, charged with the assassination of James Marcum, at Jackson, skipped out, but was arrested by Clark county officers at the home of his mother in Madison county.

Dr. Harvey Gale Bohannon, a young oculist, of Greenville, was married last week at Indianapolis, to Miss Alma Taylor, second daughter of ex-Governor W. S. Taylor. The parents of the bride were not informed of the marriage until the ceremony was over.

Judge James Hargis, of Jackson, makes the statement that there is not a single family in Breathitt county some one of whose members have not been slain by Marcum blood. He claims that he and his brother have been vilified and every sort of insinuations cast against them for political purposes and to tear down their business.

The committee of investigation into the cruelties practiced on the inmates of the Lakeland Asylum for the insane, after four weeks' work find that the charges are true, and are due to the negligence of the physicians in charge, a lack of centralization of authority, and an "obsolete and grotesque" system of management. The committee recommends an improved system of management for a remedy to do away with brutality, which shall be applied at once. No personal references were made in the report, but it was said that the brutality which had been practiced in the past has been with the knowledge of those in authority or that the system of management is at fault.

Ned Strong, an aged citizen, of Breathitt county, informed Mrs. J. B. Marcum that he overheard a plot in a "blind tiger" saloon, three miles from Jackson, to assassinate James B. Marcum on the following day. Strong says he sent a man to Jackson to warn Marcum, but the messenger failed to reach the attorney in time and was endeavoring to attract Marcum's attention when the fatal shot was fired. Gov. Beckham has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the assassin. The Governor suggested in a letter to Judge Hargis that a reward should be offered, Hargis responded by wire, naming \$250 as the amount. Gov. Beckham raised it to \$500, the statutory limit.

At Loraine, Ohio, a few days ago the sister of a priest was brutally murdered by some unknown person. At Medford, Mass., about the same time a prominent young lady was shot down in cold blood at the home of her father and nobody knows who did it. These facts in no way excuse the assassination at Jackson, but as virtuous editors in the North are throwing rocks at Kentucky on that account, it is well enough to keep before the public the fact that all the bad is not confined to this State. The assassination of women is one of the crimes that is never laid at the door of any Kentuckian.

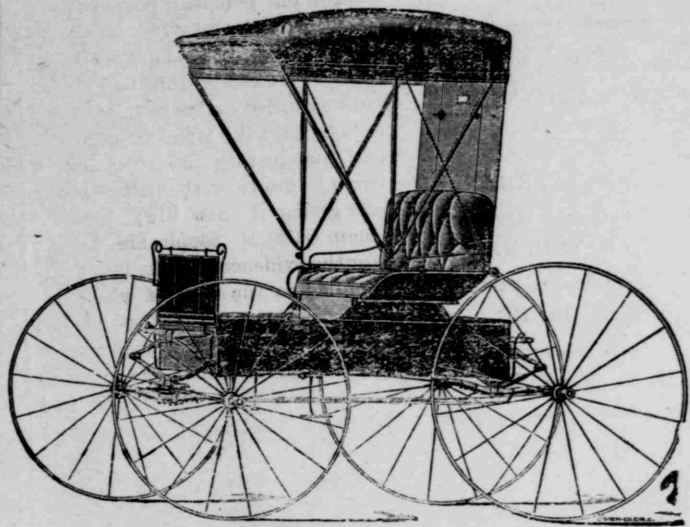
Curtis Jett was arrested at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lenville Higgins, in Madison county, on the charge of assassinating James B. Marcum at Jackson. The arresting officers were Sheriff Woodson McChord and his posse, who accompanied him from Winchester. On arriving at his mother's home Jett threatened to kill his step-father, who did not want him to remain at the house. Sheriff McChord and his posse found Jett in bed. The arrest was accomplished without incident, and the prisoner was taken to Winchester and lodged in jail.

That scripture assertion that man does not live to himself is as truly applicable to men in a business sense as a good citizen does not depend so much on what he may be worth as an individual, but rather on what he is worth to the town as a progressive citizen. Money is a good thing to have, but that class of humanity that figures it out as "business judgment" to refuse to contribute a cent to any cause that will not pay them big individual money returns cuts very little figure in the development of his own town and country.—Hubbard News.

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